

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claims 1-5 (Cancelled).

6. (Currently Amended) A colored building board comprising:

a dry formed front layer having a first density, the front layer having main components including a wood material(s) and a self-curing inorganic material(s);

a dry formed back layer having a second density, the back layer having main components including a wood material(s) and a self-curing inorganic material(s); and

a dry formed core layer having a third density that is lower in density when compared with said first density and said second density, the core layer having main components including a wood material(s) and a self-curing inorganic material(s);

wherein at least said front layer contains a pigment(s) and ~~an~~ at least one anti-efflorescence agent(s) which produces a colored layer and insoluble salts simultaneously with curing of the self-curing inorganic material(s) contained therein.

7. (Currently Amended) The colored building board according to claim 6, wherein said anti-efflorescence agent(s) contains comprises at least one ~~of the materials~~ material selected from the group consisting of fluoride, carbonate, polyaminocarboxylic acid and maleic acid.

Claims 8-15 (Cancelled).

16. (Currently Amended) A manufacturing method for manufacturing a colored building board by a dry forming process, ~~the method comprising the steps of~~ comprising the steps of:

forming a front layer to yield a first finished density in a finished board, the front layer having main components including wood material and self-curing inorganic material;

forming a core layer to yield a second finished density in a finished board that is lower in density than the first finished density, the core layer having main components including wood material and self-curing inorganic material; and

forming a back layer to yield a third finished density in a finished board that is higher in density when compared with said second finished board density, the back layer having main components including wood material and self-curing inorganic material;

incorporating a pigment(s) and an anti-efflorescence agent(s) into at least a the front layer of a cement board; and

curing the building board and simultaneously forming the colored effect and producing insoluble salts simultaneously with cement curing within the building board.

17. (Currently Amended) A manufacturing method for manufacturing a colored building board according to claim 16, wherein said anti-efflorescence agent(s) ~~contains~~ comprises at least one ~~of the materials~~ material selected from the group consisting of fluoride, carbonate, polyaminocarboxylic acid and maleic acid.

Claims 18-21 (Cancelled).

22. (Currently Amended) The ~~colored~~ building board according to claim 6, wherein the first finished density is substantially the same as the second finished density.

Claim 23 (Cancelled).